

Please amend claim 18 to read as follows:

1 18. (Thrice Amended) A method of preparing through a preparation process a beverage
2 having improved foam head stability comprising the steps of (1) providing a hop pectin extract
3 which has been formed by separating pectin (a) from (i) hop plants or (ii) parts thereof which
4 have not been previously subjected to an organic solvent extraction procedure or (b) from
5 residues of hop plants or parts thereof which residues have resulted from a CO₂ extraction
6 procedure and (2) adding to said beverage during said preparation process an amount of said hop
7 pectin extract sufficient to provide 0.5 to 30 g added hop pectin per hectoliter beverage, said
8 quantity of added hop pectin being provided to said beverage at a stage of said preparation
9 process effective to provide a beverage having improved foam head stability.

REMARKS

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application. Applicant's counsel also thanks the Examiner for the courteous telephone interview conducted on September 25, 2001. During the telephone interview a number of things were agreed to which applicant has now accomplished. These items are noted on the Interview Summary Report dated September 26, 2001 and will be discussed individually hereinafter. Support for the amendment to claim 18 can be found in the specification in Example 3 on pages 18-21.

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During the telephone interview it was agreed that the product claims would be cancelled. Accordingly, applicant has cancelled without prejudice claims 36, 37, 39, 40, 43-49 and 51. The claims which now remain in the case, which are all method claims, are claims 18, 20-29, 31 and 50. During the telephone interview it was discussed to amend the independent process claim 18 to recite an extract obtained from a CO₂ extracted hop residue. It is noted that, in the present invention, the hop pectin which is used can be separated from hop plants, from parts of hop plants, or from residues of hop plants or parts thereof. Residues are what is left after an

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